

Audubon City Council
Regular Meeting
January 9, 2017
5:30 pm
City Hall

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Mayor Jacobsen. Council in attendance: Jacobsen, Griffith, Hemmingsen, Hocker, Murray. Murray moved, Jacobsen seconded, to approve the agenda. ALL AYED. Hocker moved, Murray seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda. ALL AYED.

Public Comments- None

Public Hearing- Mayor opened Public Hearing on Sewer financing at 5:31pm. Nobody spoke to the matter. Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 5:32pm.

Department Reports- None

Committee Reports- Personnel and Finance- updated the Council on plans to meet with Union representatives work out some changes and set up a multi year contract.

Old Business- Resolution 16-65- Hocker moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to adopt this resolution setting rules for the reserving of the shelter houses. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Hemmingsen, Jacobsen, Griffith, Murray NAYS; none RESOLUTION PASSED 5 to 0.

Ordinance 734- Hocker moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to adopt an amendment to the City code for Sewer rates. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Hemmingsen, Murray, Griffith, Jacobsen NAYS; None FIRST READING PASSED 5 to 0.

Ordinance 735- Murray moved, Jacobsen seconded, to adopt an amendment to the City code changing the requirements for residency to serve on the Parks and Recreation Board. ROLL CALL: AYES; Murray, Jacobsen, Hocker, Hemmingsen, Murray, Griffith, NAYS; None FIRST READING PASSED 5 to 0. Hocker moved, Murray seconded, to waive the second and third readings of the ordinance. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Murray, Hemmingsen, Griffith, Jacobsen NAYS; none WAIVER PASSED 5 to 0.

109 Church Street- Murray moved, Hocker seconded, not to accept the donation of property ALL AYED.

New Business- Mowing and Sexton contract- Hocker moved, Murray seconded, to instruct the clerk to advertise for the new contract with the addition of spraying of weeds. ALL AYED.

Resolution 17-1-Hocker moved, Griffith seconded, to adopt this resolution approving Mayoral appointments for the 2017 year. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Griffith, Jacobsen, Murray, Hemmingsen NAYS; none RESOLUTION PASSED 5 to 0

Resolution 17-2-Hemmingsen moved, Griffith seconded, to adopt this resolution appointing Council appointments for the 2017 year and beyond. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hemmingsen, Griffith, Hocker, Jacobsen, Murray, NAYS; none RESOLUTION PASSED 5 to 0.

Resolution 17-3- Jacobsen moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to adopt this resolution appointing the depositories and newspaper for 2017. ROLL CALL: AYES; Jacobsen, Hemmingsen, Hocker, Murray, Griffith. NAYS; None RESOLUTION PASSED 5 to 0.

Resolution 17-4- Hocker moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to adopt this resolution instructing the publication of annual gross wages for City employees per Iowa code. ROLL CALL; AYES; Hocker, Hemmingsen, Griffith, Murray Jacobsen. NAYS; none RESOLUTION PASSED 5 to 0.

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Resolution 17-5- Hemmingsen moved, Hocker seconded, to adopt this resolution setting a public hearing for the adoption of a budget amendment for FY 2017. ROLL CALL: AYES;

Hemmingsen, Hocker, Murray, Jacobsen, Griffith NAYS; None RESOLUTION PASSED 5 to 0.

Resolution 17-6- Hocker moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to adopt this resolution to move forward with the financing of the WWTF/Collection system improvements. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Hemmingsen, Murray, Griffith, Jacobsen NAYS; None RESOLUTION PASSED 5 to 0.

Downtown Flags- Jacobsen moved, Griffith seconded, to instruct a letter to be written to the Chamber of Commerce, asking for help in maintaining the flags. ALL AYED.

City Insurance- Brandon Toft asked to be considered into the current rotation of Insurance agents for the City's property and casualty insurance.

Water Request- Lance Meaike asked the Council to consider providing City water service to a development north of town. He was asked to provide a summary letter of what all he would be building so the City could contact its engineer for guidance. NO ACTION TAKEN.

Closed session- Hocker moved, Jacobsen seconded, to go into a closed session per Iowa code §21.5 (i) to discuss hiring of a PW Director. ALL AYED. CLOSED SESSION STARTED AT 6:27pm. OPEN SESSION BEGAN AT 7:23pm.

Public Works Director- Griffith moved, Murray seconded, to offer the position to Craig Wanninger. AYES: Griffith, Murray NAYS; Hocker, Hemmingsen, Jacobsen MOTION FAILED 3 to 2. Hocker moved, Murray seconded, to offer the position to Shawn Bohlmann. AYES; Hocker, Murray, Jacobsen, Hemmingsen NAYS; Griffith MOTION PASSED 4 to 1.

Propositions and remarks from the Mayor- none

Propositions and remarks from Council- Hemmingsen- Thank you to the Public Works staff for the new railings in front of the Memorial Building. Griffith- asked who is responsible for the bricks outside the businesses downtown. City Attorney Bosworth stated that both the City and the business would be named in a lawsuit. Griffith mentioned that some businesses are worried about their liability and would like the bricks taken out. Bosworth said that they would need to get permission from the City Council to do that first. It also would not necessarily prevent them from being named anyway.

Griffith- mentioned he sent an email out last Monday asking for information on the applicants for the PW position. The City Clerk and Mayor were the only ones to respond to him. He had hoped members of the Personnel Committee would have communicated, but they didn't. He presented emails from Ed Mahlstadt to the Mayor about complaints of intimidation that were never brought to the attention of the Council. He said that it doesn't feel like all five Council members are communicating effectively. Interviews were set up at times that seemed to exclude him from participation. He asked why each Council member was not contacted to see what would work with their schedules.

Hocker- The whole Council has tremendous respect and support for Craig Wanninger, Despite the previous vote on PW Director.

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Meeting adjourned 7:40pm

Barb Jacobsen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joseph Foran, City Clerk